
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE OAHU COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONAL CENTER WITHIN THE HALAWA CORRECTIONAL
FACILITY, FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND
CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL
CENTER, AND PARTNER WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHERE NECESSARY
TO BENEFIT THE KALIHI COMMUNITY AND THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, built in 1916, the Oahu Community Correctional
2 Center no longer properly serves the needs of its overall inmate
3 population or the surrounding community of Kalihi; and
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5 WHEREAS, as the largest jail facility in the State, the 16-
6 acre, 950-bed Oahu Community Correctional Center has outdated
7 security infrastructure and is overcrowded, which has
8 contributed to conditions that have allowed multiple inmate
9 escapes; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Oahu Community Correctional Center cannot
12 accommodate current and projected detention needs, and this
13 situation has prompted the State to request more information on
14 the construction of a new, 1,125-bed Oahu Community Correctional
15 Center to be relocated from the current Kalihi site; and
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17 WHEREAS, Kalihi is not an appropriate place for the Oahu
18 Community Correctional Center since its immediate surrounding
19 area contains a park, schools, homes, small businesses, and
20 other commercial establishments; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety has stated that
23 rebuilding the Oahu Community Correctional Center at its current
24 Kalihi site is not a viable option and that the administration
25 has expressed willingness to consider its relocation; and



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1 WHEREAS, the presence of the Oahu Community Correctional
2 Center has historically discouraged development in Kalihi and
3 currently jeopardizes the Kalihi community's opportunity to
4 benefit from transit-related development and redevelopment
5 projects; and
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7 WHEREAS, the State is currently evaluating proposals that
8 would expand the Halawa Correctional Facility, including by
9 combining it with the Oahu Community Correctional Center, to
10 take advantage of the efficiencies of consolidation; and
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12 WHEREAS, consolidation is fiscally prudent because
13 upgrading the aging Oahu Community Correctional Center has the
14 potential to be equally or more expensive than building a new
15 facility in another location; and
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17 WHEREAS, relocating the Oahu Community Correctional Center
18 would generate land development opportunities on the current
19 Kalihi site and spur private-public partnerships that could
20 improve Kalihi and offset the cost of a consolidated jail
21 without an undue fiscal burden on the State through the sale or
22 long-term lease of the Kalihi site; and
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24 WHEREAS, if developed appropriately, the Kalihi site is
25 well situated to become a major center of economic activity,
26 generate tax revenues and lease-rent income for the State and
27 property tax revenues for the City and County of Honolulu, and
28 benefit from private development related to transit-orientated
29 growth; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
33 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is
34 urged to:
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36 (1) Consolidate the Oahu Community Correctional Center
37 within the Halawa Correctional Facility; and
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39 (2) Facilitate redevelopment of the land that is currently
40 occupied by the Oahu Community Correctional Center to
41 benefit the Kalihi community and the State, including
42 through partnerships with the private sector, to



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generate revenue and innovative development opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Public Safety, and chairperson of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board.

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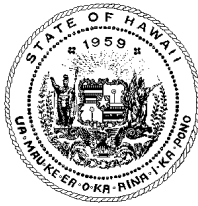
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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 178
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House Committee on Public Safety
Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 2, 2015, 10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 178 and suggests the following amendment to Page 1, Paragraph 3, Line 14:

“...the construction of a new 1,500- or more bed Oahu Community
Correctional Center to be relocated from the current Kalihi site; and...”

The suggested amendment is based on updated information on the current capacity needs of the Oahu Community Correctional Center.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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Comments: We STRONGLY OPPOSE this HCR. This report must be scrapped, as it does not address a need for an EIS, especially in light of the recent discovery of Jet Fuel leaks from the hidden tanks in Red Hill or hidden within the mountain adjacent to Halawa Medium Security Facility. NOTICE is hereby given that failure of the Hawaii Legislature to address this crucial issue, will result in costly litigation filed against the State.

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